

Docket No.: 50006-187

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
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Hisao TAKEUCHI, et al. :  
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Serial No.: Divisional of Appl. No. :  
09/856,093 : Group Art Unit:  
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Filed: February 11, 2004 : Examiner:  
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For: DYNAMIC PRESSURE BEARING WITH IMPROVED STARTING  
CHARACTERISTICS (AS AMENDED)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Preliminary Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE**

Please amend the title as follows:

**DYNAMIC PRESSURE BEARING WITH IMPROVED STARTING**  
**CHARACTERISTICS**

**~~HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING ASSEMBLY WITH IMPROVED ACTIVATION~~**  
**FEATURES**